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1. Polish leaders intend to give a new impetus to national activity, not only in the field of industrial production, but also in what could be called the ethnic field, which is more exposed and vulnerable. Measures are being planned to improve the position of Poland in the northwestern provinces, particularly in the large strategic triangle of Poznan-Gdansk (Danzig) - Szczecin (Stettin).
2. During the meetings in early April 1953 of the "internal Cabinet" (sic), the present situation of Poland in the international scheme was carefully examined. Confidential reports of the internal situation in the various voivodships were given to the cabinet members, and special importance was given to the reaction of the Polish population to recent events, particularly in the northwestern regions (ex-German). Information received from the PZPR (Communist Party) newspapers and police indicated that the people in these regions were confused by the Soviet peace campaign because of its possible repercussion on Poland's fate. If the three Big Powers were to reach a general agreement on European problems, Polish leaders consider that it might be advisable, even if at a later date, to revise the present territorial situation along the Oder-Neisse line.
3. It was decided at the conference to increase the Polish potential ethnic factor, and directives to this effect have been given to the propagandists and to the Party. Public works are being considered as one means of making the national Polish character of the "triangle" more evident and convincing.
4. The "internal Cabinet" has issued new instructions to the propagandists, based on the Soviet promise that, whatever happens, the present Polish frontiers would not be discussed. This promise was made to dispel anxieties aroused by Winston Churchill's proposal to guarantee the frontiers between Germany and Poland through a new "Locarno Pact". The Soviet Government has given Warsaw formal guarantees regarding the eventuality of an agreement between the three Big Powers on the European situation.

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5. Meanwhile, the PZPR will have to take the initiative to furnish authority and strength to the ethnic movement in the northwestern triangle. It will have to recruit all non-Party members in intellectual circles and will have to increase the membership and the strength of local organizations.
6. Another point in the program is construction of public utilities and of large roads leading to Warsaw. These roads must not be confused with those of a strictly strategic nature, such as the Gdynia-Lvov and the Wroclaw (Breslau)-Bialystok roads.
7. A vast project to alter completely the appearance of the triangle has just begun, not just in Poznan, Gdansk (Danzig), and Szczecin, but in the smallest villages. Whatever remains of the local historical past will be destroyed, and houses and monuments will be built in Polish style.
8. The most important part of the plan is to make Gdansk and Szczecin the largest urban centers of Western Poland. A large number of indigenous Poles will be moved to this section from the eastern provinces. New urban programs have already been approved for a future population of 500,000 inhabitants for Poznan, 320,000 for Gdansk, and 450,000 for Szczecin. These programs are based partly on the plans which were drafted by the former German administration.
9. Special brigades and battalions of workers, among whom are foreigners of all ages and of both sexes, will supply the manpower. The ruins of buildings destroyed by the war and those of the second "regulatore" year plan (sic) will be removed within the year. Work has been started in several areas, and that begun during the preceding building season in the Gdansk, Gdynia, and Szczecin harbors has been resumed. The zones in which this work is being done are restricted and can only be entered with special permission.
  - a. Important work is being done in Szczecin harbor at the estuary of the Oder river. Eight kilometers of marshland along the right bank have been reclaimed. On this stretch of ground a freight station will be built to handle eight million tons of coal a year.
  - b. Large facilities will be built to transport iron ore from Sweden for Polish-Silesian industries.
  - c. The enclosures of the naval dockyards have been removed and more ground has been added to them for new construction. The area covered by the Vulkan dockyards in Szczecin has been increased by 34,000 square meters. About 11,000 workers are employed at the yards and among them are many women. The technical personnel amounts to about one third.
10. New safety measures are being taken in the triangle. New groups of WOP (Military Border Guard) and internal police agents have arrived at Szczecin, Gdansk, and Gdynia. Special safety control of the triangle, which will become a powerful military and ethnic base in new Poland, is now under consideration.

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